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Friend Phelps,

My Cogswells visiting Hanover furnishes me with an opportunity of inquiring about matters & things in St. Berwick, & in the course of inquiry it was natural to ask whether you are dead or alive. I concluded long ago that you had quit your pedagogical & cleared out from that part of the country, & even in that event I considered you under some obligation to let me hear from you, bearing in mind old promises. But let that go, doubtless your time has all of it been taken up, I recollect well some others who reside in St. B. beside the gentlemen from Andover. What has become of Sarah Ann? How does Miss Libbey prosper? Now I propose you practice a little self denial, & when other business does not demand your attention, instead of going to chat "à la façon thick" sit down & tell me what you are about, & what strange or wonderful has happened about you since I left that region. Nothing particularly interesting with us here. They talk of having an Independence bazaar here next week, but I suspect it won't amount to much. I should be glad to write letters to you & Burleigh & send by the Ex., but my notice of the opportunity has been so short that with other engagements this morning I have had only time to scribble this letter, to assure you you are still remembered by your old friend - Richardson

Love & good will to all the good people